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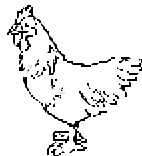
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was barely steady in the West, steady in the Midwest, steady at best in the East. Demand was seasonally slow to fair, instances moderate for ads and fast food promotions, but strongest where holiday needs and interests took precedence. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to easily handle limited needs. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective. Wings moved into a better position with supplies closer balanced. Dark meat and breast items were adequate to fully sufficient with discounts noted on bone-in breasts. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

The 12-CITY Weighted Average Price for 11/11/02 was 53.01, compared to 54.11 last week, and 59.30 a year ago.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 62.00 based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 64.25 cents last year on November 14, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	167.00
BREASTS - B/S	129.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	65.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	57.00
LEG QUARTERS	18.00
WINGS	47.50

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**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was mostly steady at best. Demand was typically seasonal with limited trading as more traditional holiday items received most interest. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for needs. In the parts structure, wings were better balanced and moving well, breast items and dark meat was at least adequate or available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair as dealers kept orders limited to most immediate needs in order to make room for the holiday items entering the market. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate for the seasonally sluggish demand. Retail and distributive movement was limited. The market tone was steady at best. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were readily available at discounted levels. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings had moved into a better balance.

**MIDWEST** Whole fryer market tone was steady. Wog and whole fryer offerings were adequate for the limited buyer interest. Retail and food service movement light to fair with features attracting most interest. Features noted in the Chicago area: whole birds at 59 cents and boneless/skinless breasts at \$1.59. Floor stocks adequate. Weights were desirable. In the parts complex demand was light as buyers very selective and looking for immediate needs only which centered on boneless/skinless breast and wings. Trade sentiment was about steady on breast and leg items with wings fully steady to firm.

**WESTERN** The market tone was barely steady. Offerings were adequate to ample. Whole body product slow to clear as buying interest was fair and focused on traditional Thanksgiving Day need. Demand was moderate to good, best where featured. Floor stocks generally adequate.

## CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 11/09/02	2002	2001
EGGS SET	198,763	204,751
CHICKS PLACED	151,059	153,671

PERCENT CHANGE
PREVIOUS YEAR
-03
-02

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 9, 2002. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 151 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 9, 2002. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through November 9, 2002 were 7.53 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 21-Dec-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 140.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 143.3 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 152.0 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 156.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.25 CENTS PER POUND.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

**POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	970	110.00-191.00	113-123	118.53
TENDERLOINS	146	107.00-179.00	107-110	122.96
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	65.50-75.00	70-72	71.00
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	108	19.00-33.00	19-20	20.78
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	14.00-18.00	14-15	15.10
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,489	16.00-24.00	17-19	18.56
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	43.00-49.00	46-47	47.77
WINGS (CUT)	451	53.00-62.00	54-56	56.25
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	48	50.00-57.50	-	53.75

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
31.00 - 37.50	33.80	35.34

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

Trucklot buying activity was fair at best and noted as typical of midweek trading as dealers remained cautious and selective during this seasonally sluggish period. Offerings of bone-in breasts were fully adequate and discounted to stimulate interest. Boneless-skinless breasts were available. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were moving into a better balanced position. Retail and distributive draw was limited. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on wings, barely steady to weak on bone-in breasts, and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	123.42	391,040
TENDERLOINS	105	104.73	99,190
BREAST - WITH RIBS	59-60	65.52	198,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	59	59.86	136,800
LEGS	31-32	34.63	116,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.89	371,959
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	26.23	85,390
THIGHS	20-21	33.66	60,380
B/S THIGHS	62-63	65.31	32,990
WINGS (WHOLE)	41-42	46.85	180,270
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.86	73,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.34	12,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.18	16,500

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG	
	11/13	11/12	11/11	11/08	11/11	11/08	11/06	11/04
ALA	3,982	4,015	3,435	4,101	5.17	4.98	3,916	5.22
ARK	5,029	5,333	5,299	4,781	4.97	4.79	5,138	5.08
DELMARVA	2,334	2,307	2,216	2,325	5.20	5.06	2,262	5.18
KY-LA-TN	1,967	2,026	1,935	2,318	4.97	4.76	1,958	4.83
MISS	2,809	2,901	2,865	2,531	5.41	5.34	2,770	5.40
NC	2,430	2,268	2,336	2,659	6.01	6.00	2,530	6.12
TEXAS	2,457	2,462	2,449	2,541	4.98	4.88	2,182	4.98
TOTAL	21,008	21,312	20,535	21,298	5.21	5.08	20,756	5.26
MON-WED 63,057 (A)							63,104 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Nov 02 and is estimated to be 31,430,000 up 0.91 percent from a week ago and up 9.0 percent from a year ago.  
(Last week 31,146,000; last year 28,841,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	89-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	88-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	96-102
	ICE PACK	92-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	113
	ICE PACK	104
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	92-98
DUCKS		152-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 16 NOV-02

	CURRENT WEEK 11/16/02 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/09/02
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	158,662(2)	160,232
LT HENS	1,570	1,563
HVY HENS	1,575	1,601
CHECK TOTAL	161,807	163,396

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Nov-02 is 151.3 million head compared to 154.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.0 million head or 7.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 23-Nov-02 the estimated available is 146.2 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 11-NOV-02	172,715	80,204
AM 01-NOV-02	178,029	77,841
CHG	-5,314	2,363
PCT CHG	-3	3

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/11/02	11/04/02	11/12/01	11/11/02	11/04/02	11/12/01
PACIFIC						
COAST	17,882	18,316	12,278	5,881	6,101	3,470
LOS						
ANGELES	361	437	170	3,955	4,033	1,419

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	59-62
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

	FOR 11/12/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	1.05	.82
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.30	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.35	.75	.52
BANTAMS lb.	.80	1.30	.96
BROILERS lb.	.45	.80	.57
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.35	1.12
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.35	.85	.51
DUCKS lb.	.70	1.55	1.00
RABBITS lb.	.40	1.40	1.13
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 227

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending November 8, 2002

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	52.84	123.30	70.46	17.61	17.61	48.44
High	58.13	132.11	79.27	26.42	22.02	48.44
Mostly	53.28	123.30	79.27	22.02	22.02	48.44

**SAN JUAN**

Low	59.45	123.30	79.27	22.02	13.21	52.40
High	62.53	132.11	88.07	30.83	17.61	52.40
Mostly	61.21	123.30	83.67	28.62	13.21	52.40

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	52.84	123.30	70.46	17.61	17.61	48.44
High	57.25	132.11	79.27	22.02	22.02	48.44
Mostly	55.05	123.30	79.27	22.02	22.02	48.44

**BECERRA**

Low	60.33	118.90	83.67	22.02	13.21	48.44
High	63.85	132.11	92.48	33.03	17.61	48.44
Mostly	61.65	127.71	83.67	28.62	15.41	48.44

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slowing as buyer interest turned to turkeys and other items typically traded in advance of the upcoming thanksgiving holiday. Offerings were adequate to ample and more readily available on the 2.5 and 4.0 pound and heavier weights. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Bone-in breasts were ample and slow to clear. Boneless skinless breast, leg quarters and wings were at least adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	47-62
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.32
NO. OF BOXES	6,983

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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